

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 were previously pending in this application. Claims 22, 23, 25 and 27 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 8-10, 16-18, 24 and 26 are herein amended. No new matter has been added by this Amendment. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102

In the Office Action, claims 1-27 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,992,866 to Morgan (“Morgan”). Further, claims 1-27 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,680,746 to Kawai, et al. (“Kawai”). Applicants respectfully submit that the cited references do not disclose, teach or suggest the elements recited in the amended claims.

Amended independent claim 1 recites, *inter alia*:

An image processing apparatus, comprising:

...a control device that controls a first mode that image of the camera corresponding to the symbol is monitored, and a second mode that the information regarding the camera including the position of camera is associated with the map...and

an output device that outputs the received image data onto a first area of a display in the first mode, and outputs the received image data onto a second area of the display in the second mode.

Applicants have amended claims 1, 8 and 9 to further clarify that the image processing apparatus is arranged so as to control a first mode (by way of example only, the monitoring mode in Fig. 6) that image of the camera corresponding to the symbol is monitored

and a second mode (by way of example only, the map edit mode in Figs. 11-27) that the information regarding the camera including the position of the camera is associated with the map and to output the received image data onto a first area (by way of example only elements 610-620) of a display in the first mode and output the received image data onto a second area (by way of example only element 722) of the display in a second mode.

Amended independent claim 10 recites, *inter alia*:

An image processing apparatus, comprising...

an output device that outputs the connection information onto a display, wherein said output device outputs the received image data onto a first area of the display when the camera is connected by user's selecting the symbol of the camera and outputs the received tentative image data on a second area of the display when the camera is connected not by the user's selecting the symbol of the camera but connected by user's inputting the connection information.

Further, Applicants have amended independent claims 10, 16-18, 24 and 26 to further clarify that an image processing apparatus is arranged so as to output received image data onto a first area (by way of example only, elements 610-620) of a display when the camera is connected by a user's selecting a symbol (by way of example only, elements 521-524 and 326-327) of the camera and the camera outputs the received image on a second area (by way of example only, elements 722, 3810) of the display when the camera is not connected by user's selecting the camera symbol, but connected by user's inputting connection information (by way of example only, host name in Fig. 23 and address 386 in Fig. 37).

Applicants submit that the cited references do not anticipate the first and second

modes of operation, as recited in amended independent claim(s) 1 (8 or 9) or amended independent claim(s) 10 (16-18, 24 or 26).

Regarding amended independent claim 1, in Fig. 1, Morgan discloses displaying video images from cameras on a plurality of monitors 22-24. In addition, Morgan discloses touch input in Fig. 4 and an optional use of a mouse control section 44 in Fig. 1. However, Morgan fails to disclose, teach or suggest how to display the video images on a screen of each monitor and connection operation of the camera by the user's operation of the touch screen or the mouse inputs. Further, Morgan fails to disclose, teach or suggest the output device functioning together with the control device in the first and second modes as recited in amended independent claims 1, 8 and 9. Moreover, Morgan fails to disclose, teach or suggest the output device functioning together with the input device in the first and second modes, as recited in amended independent claims 10, 16-18, 24 and 26.

Similarly, Kawai fails also fails to disclose, teach or suggest the recited claim elements. Instead, Kawai discloses a first mode (as shown in Fig. 2) for displaying a video image from a camera corresponding to a camera icon on an image window 44 and a second mode in Fig. 50 and 51 for associating a position of a camera with a map. Furthermore, Kawai discloses a camera control window 46, in which data can be input to columns other camera position data. However, Kawai does not disclose, teach or suggest the second mode of the claimed invention, in which image data received from the camera is also displayed on a predetermined display area as recited in amended independent claims 1, 8 and 9. Similarly, Kawai fails to disclose, teach or suggest the output device which displays the image data received from the camera on a

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predetermined display area in accordance with a user's input, as recited in amended independent claims 10, 16-18, 24 and 26.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that neither Morgan, nor Kawai anticipate the elements recited in amended independent claims 1, 8-10, 16-18, 24 or 26, or the claims that are directly or indirectly dependent thereon. Applicants submit that both the amended independent claims and the claims dependent therefrom are patentably distinct from the cited references for at least the reasons discussed above. Therefore, Applicants request withdrawal of these grounds of rejections.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of this application. In the event that a telephone conference would facilitate prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

Applicant believes no fee nor extension of time is required for this filing. However, should an extension of time be necessary to render this filing timely, such extension is hereby petitioned and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this paper, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4638.

AUTHORIZATION

No petitions or additional fees are believed due for this amendment and/or any accompanying submissions. However, to the extent that any additional fees are required, Applicants hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500 (Order No. 1232-4638). **A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ENCLOSED.**

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